

# Historic Aircraft Association



## MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT 18:30 HOURS

### Participants

Wally Epton	Chairman
Malcolm Ward	Treasurer
Stephen Crocker	Representation
Richie Piper	Webmaster
Andy Smith	PR Officer
Taff Stone	Engineering
Toni Hunter	Membership
Allan Vogel	Committee Member
Steve Slater	Committee Member
Tim Scorer	Hon. Legal Adviser
Oliver Wheeldon	Ops
Barry Tempest	Vice President
Gerhardt Ekermans	Treasurer Designate
Tim Elkins	Secretary

**Action  
party/parties**

### Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the meeting.

### Item 1. - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from: Lawrence Hawthorn (Commercial) Nigel Foster (Hon. Insurance Adviser Prof Mike Bagshaw (Hon. Medical Adviser) and Howard Cook (Trophies)  
The Chairman referred to the proposed appointment of Andrew Edmundson to the Committee in the role of Engineering Team Lead and the Secretary apologised for overlooking to invite him and will rectify this in time for the next meeting.

### Item 2. - Minutes of the Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at White Waltham were approved.

**Item 3. – Treasurer Handover**

The Treasurer was invited to update the meeting with regard to the new Treasurer Appointment/Handover. The proposed new Treasurer, Gerhardt Ekermans had been invited to participate in the meeting and was welcomed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer has been liaising with the Treasurer Designate and proposed that they continue to do so prior to the formal appointment of the Treasurer Designate as the new Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The Treasurer will continue to assist post 25<sup>th</sup> April as necessary as it is unlikely that the required new bank mandates and other formalities will be completed before then.

The Chairman had suggested recently that the Chairman and Secretary be added to the list of authorised signatories with the bank together with the Treasurer to facilitate the operation of the bank account in the Treasurer’s absence (any one of the three to be able to sign cheques via the new mandate) This was approved by the meeting together with the appointment of the Treasurer Designate as the new Treasurer subject to formal approval at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Malcolm Ward  
Gerhardt  
Ekermans

**Item 4. –AMFF 2020 Preparations/Date/Venue**

The Chairman reported that he and the Secretary were waiting to arrange a meeting at Duxford with George Bacon and Geoff Brindle of BADA and members of the Duxford events team to finalise arrangements.

The meeting will be held ideally before the end of this month. Until then none of the proposed speakers identified at the last Committee Meeting had been approached as the format of the day, and particularly the harmonising of the HAA/BADA presentations had not been finalised.

The Chairman raised concerns about having the HAA Annual General Meeting in the same room as in 2019 next to the BADA meeting due to noise interference. Also due to a number of attendees being members of both Association’s the desirability of staggering our respective meetings should be addressed.

Barry Tempest confirmed that he is content to give his Annual Safety Analysis for 2019 to a joint meeting of two Associations.

The Treasurer raised a point of order re the costs of the day. Last year the HAA and BADA shared costs. However BADA had attracted significant sponsorship and we had benefitted from this particularly on the catering side. If this is not to be repeated then a clear understanding of the costs must be obtained as there could be a significant increase in the HAA contribution.

The question of registration for the event was raised and the desirability of liaising with BADA over some form of joint registration prior to the event (particularly to avoid duplicating catering costs where attendees register with both Associations) Toni Hunter volunteered to lead on registration and to liaise with Mel Bacon of BADA. Further Toni Hunter has set up a bar code registration system which will assist (and can be trialled prior to use at the Symposium later in the year)

A further issue was raised re the integration of the HAA Flying Forum with

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<p>the wider IWM GA Safety Day. Oliver Wheeldon indicated that the IWM were dropping the Safety Day tag and promoting the event along the lines of a GA Expo with an enhanced exhibition area. To avoid the HAA event seeming to be “stand alone “ and disconnected from the IWM day it was suggested that the HAA could have a presence at the exhibition and perhaps have an aircraft, ideally a jet, on display. Oliver Wheeldon kindly indicated he would see if a JP or Gnat could be flown in for the event.</p>	<p>Oliver Wheeldon</p>
<p><b><u>Item 5. – Symposium 2020 Preparations</u></b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that contact had been made with the RAF Museum at Hendon (Vicky Hibbert) and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October was booked for the 2020 Symposium.</p> <p>Re speakers, Allan Vogel (Symposium sub-committee lead) reported that David Cyster had confirmed he would be pleased to speak about his Tiger Moth exploits in 1978.</p> <p>Dr Michael Fopp is 90% likely to be able to attend and talk about the Battle of Britain (it being the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year)</p> <p>Matthew Jones of Boulton Flight Academy has been approached by Nigel Foster and is keen to present a talk on the “Silver Spitfire” round the world flight in 2019.</p> <p>A fourth speaker is being sort. Ideally this should be a veteran, and with the passing of so many WW2 veterans, and it being the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Iraqi War plus 40 years since the Tornado entered service, someone from that era would be welcome.</p> <p>In addition Allan Vogel volunteered to try and contact Gail Halvorson (the “Candy Bomber”) to see if he would be a possibility.</p> <p>Catering for the 2020 Symposium was discussed at the last meeting and there are no current updates.</p>	<p>The Symposium sub-committee</p> <p>Allan Vogel</p>
<p><b><u>Item 6. – New CEO confirmation of appointment/terms of reference/initial report on the future development of the HAA.</u></b></p> <p>The matter of Stephen Crocker’s paper circulated after the last Committee Meeting was discussed at length. His offer to devote a day a week free of charge to moving the Association forward was broadly welcomed. An issue raised before and during the meeting was the use of the title “CEO” The Chairman stated that the Committee was at liberty to delegate tasks to members of the Committee, or to form Sub-Committees, always subject to the overall supervision of the Committee. As to the title the point was made that while a title such as Project Manager may equally well describe the proposed role, that in dealing with bodies such as the CAA, the title CEO would carry more weight and potentially open more doors.</p> <p>It was felt that the Terms of Reference contained in the paper were an acceptable starting point but would need tightening up in terms of duration/notice periods on both sides/remuneration and expenses (even if nil envisaged initially) and other matters commonly included in such Terms.</p> <p>Stephen Crocker indicated that he had received no suggested amendments to the paper, but would consider any such input and would amend the draft paper accordingly and re-submit it for approval at the next meeting.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b><u>Item 7. – Updates on Routine Business.</u></b></p>	

### **7.1 Financial Update**

The Treasurer reported that there was little change in the financial position, the current account stands at approximately £7,500 and the deposit account at approximately £8,500. No significant change is anticipated before the year end on 29<sup>th</sup> February. The Symposium 2019 sponsorship and catering refund resulted in a surplus of approximately £1,500 which contributed the current level of funds. However with membership income in decline this may impact on funds available going forwards.

### **7.2 Membership Update**

The Membership Secretary reported that there had been one new member who had joined the Association since the last meeting. There needs to be a review of the membership strategy and structure (e.g. corporate memberships) Ideally this can be integrated with the progress to be made under Item 6 above.

### **7.3 Visits**

The Association still does not have a Visits officer and no visits are currently planned.

### **7.4 PR and Newsletter**

Andy Smith reported that he is working on the April edition of the newsletter but as always urgently needs good content to be submitted.

### **7.5 Website**

Richie Piper reported that both the AMFF and Symposium are advertised on the website. He will add a profile for the Treasurer Designate once he receives the necessary material/photograph.

### **7.6 Trophies**

No report available as Howard Cook was unable to participate and indeed had indicated that he is never available on a Tuesday. Accordingly the Secretary was instructed to move future meetings to Wednesdays.

*(Post meeting note: future meeting dates at the end of these minutes have been amended. Members please note and update diaries!)*

### **Item 8. - Any Other Business**

Oliver Wheeldon reported that Bruntingthorpe was to close to any jet operations. It was possible that some aircraft may move, North Weald being a potential destination. There may be a role for the HAA to play in saving and preserving some of these aircraft and a watching brief will be kept.

He further and in strict confidence revealed that he is involved in a consortium which is considering a bid to Lincoln City Council to preserve RAF Scampton in some form and save it from housing development. There will be a “Heritage” element to the proposal and the HAA ideally should be placing itself “front and centre” of this. Again a watching brief will be kept on developments.

*(Non pre-notified item)* Steve Slater reported (again in confidence) that Bicester was under threat from Bicester Motion’s plans to construct a test track across the airfield. The gliding club has been given notice to vacate by the end of June. This is for information only at this stage but the HAA may

be asked to join in any future objections with the aim of preserving the only remaining omni-directional grass airfield in the country.	

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Chairman

Tim Elkins  
Secretary

*The dates for forthcoming events are as follows. All meetings (unless otherwise detailed) start at 18:30. The intention is to alternate face to face meetings with teleconference meetings:-*

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> April 2020</i>
<i>Annual General Meeting and Flying Forum (Duxford)</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup> April 2020</i>
<i>Teleconference</i>	<i>3rd June 2020</i>
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>2nd<sup>d</sup> September 2020</i>
<i>Teleconference</i>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> October 2020</i>
<i>Annual Symposium, RAF Museum Hendon</i>	<i>24<sup>th</sup> October 2020</i>
<i>Committee Meeting &amp; Christmas Dinner</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup> December 2020*</i>

*\*The December meeting commences at 16:00 and will be followed by the Christmas Dinner.*